

PCA Pre-Conference Program

Patterns of Connection: Gregory Bateson, American Pragmatism and European Philosophy

Thursday, October 8

- 11-12:00pm. On-site Conference Registration
Lower Lobby of Pullo Performing Arts Center, Penn State York
- Lunch is on your own. We recommend The Bistro in the Pullo Performing Arts Center (ground floor foyer above the floor where the conference is held) for light fare, salads, and sandwiches.
- 11:30-11:45am. Welcome – Pullo, Room 113
- Deborah Eicher-Catt, Penn State York and Isaac E. Catt, Duquesne University and Penn State York
- Dr. Robert Farrell – Penn State York, Director of Academic Affairs
- 12:00-1:00pm. **Panel One:** Contextualizing Bateson for Communication Inquiry:
Past, Present, and Future
- “Bateson on Difference: Past, Present, and Future”
Richard L. Lanigan, International Communicology Institute
- “Gregory Bateson’s Ecology of Human Relationships: Part I”
Deborah Eicher-Catt, Penn State York and Isaac E. Catt, Duquesne University and Penn State York
- 1:15-2:30pm. **Panel Two:** Questioning Being, Existence, and Communication in the
Life-World
- Chair:** Pat Arneson, Duquesne University
- “Being and Somethingness: An Inquiry into Existential Communication”
Jen Jones, Seton Hill University
- “Gregory Bateson and Philosophy of Communication: Patterns and
Connectivity as Existential Ontology”
Chelsea Binnie, Duquesne University
- “Meta-patterns: Communication, Pragmatism, and Curation”
Jeremy Swartz, University of Oregon

2:45-4:00pm. **Panel Three:** Bateson and Philosophers of Communication: Aristototele, Levinas and Tymieniecka

Chair: Frank J. Macke, Mercer University

“Formal Cause and Patterns of Connection”

Lance Strate, Fordham University and Villanova

“Impersonal and the Sacred: Igniting Personal Responsibility”

Ronald Arnett, Duquesne University

“Exploring Communicative Connections: Anna-Teresa Tymieniecka and Gregory Bateson”

Pat Arneson, Duquesne University

4:00-4:30pm. Break – Coffee/Tea—snacks

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4:30-5:45pm.

Keynote Address

Introduction: Deborah Eicher-Catt, Penn State York

“Agency and Discourse”

Klaus Krippendorff, The Gregory Bateson Professor
for Cybernetics, Language, and Culture Annenberg School
for Communication, University of Pennsylvania

5:50-6:45pm.

Introduction: Deborah Eicher-Catt, Penn State York
(Room change to **Pullo 114**)

Documentary Film Screening, “An Ecology of Mind: A Daughter’s
Portrait of Gregory Bateson,” by Nora Bateson

7:00pm.

Exit for Dinner

Friday, October 9 (Pullo 113)

8:15-9:30am.

Panel Four: Bateson and Future Connections

Chair: Ronald C. Arnett

“Batesonian Thought on Reality and its Applicability to Fundamental Physics”

Patrick Walters, Penn State York

“The Response of the Pariah”

David Stern, Frostburg State University

“Gregory Bateson’s Ecology of Human Relationships: Part II”

Deborah Eicher-Catt, Penn State York and Isaac E. Catt, Duquesne University and Penn State York

9:45-11:00am.

Panel Five: Responses to the Nora Bateson Film: Perceptions of Mind and Problematics of Communication

Chair: Richard L. Lanigan

Frank Macke, Mercer University

Pat Arneson, Duquesne University

Andrew R. Smith, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

11:15-12:30pm.

Keynote Address

Introduction: Isaac E. Catt, Duquesne University and Penn State York

“Patterns, Differences, & Connections: The Most Basic Terms of Any Semiotic Theory?”

Vincent Colapietro, Liberal Arts Research Professor, Department of Philosophy, Penn State University

12:30-12:45pm.

Closing Remarks

Deborah Eicher-Catt and Isaac E. Catt